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Hisae
Iwagoka



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apartments 7
HISAE IWAOKA



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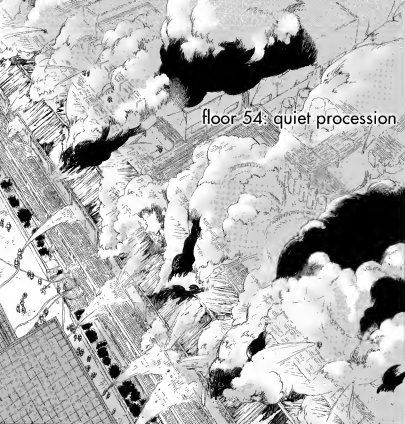
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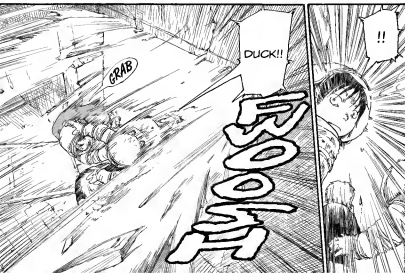
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"I'D LIKE MITSU
TO SEE THIS
SOMEDAY."

"IT'S
INCREDIBLE....
ISN'T IT,
TAMACHI?"

...

AKI ONCE
RESCUED
ME THE
SAME WAY.

HE...

...
PATCHED
ME UP
TOO.

SHD

JUST
LIKE
MITSU
WAS
NOW...

AKI WAS
CALM
THAT
TIME.

20
THO



...the image
that Aki
wanted him
to see?



So Mitsu
has already
looked
upon...

And I
haven't
been
standing
still
either...

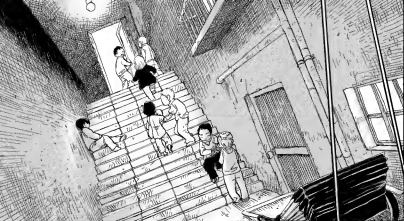


Time is
moving
forward.
Slowly but
surely...











TELL
HIM I
SAID...

TAMACHI
TOO!



KAGEYAMA,
YOU TOO.

DON'T
MAKE IT
HARDER
FOR ME!

NO ONE
SHOULD DO
RECKLESS
THINGS WHILE
I'M ALIVE.



TAMACHI
MAY
RETURN AS
A WINDOW
WASHER.

HE'S LIKE
MY SON,
EVEN IF
HE'S NO
LONGER A
WINDOW
WASHER...

...SO HE
SHOULD
BE MORE
CONSID-
ERATE
ABOUT...



DASH



QUIET,
PLEASE.

WELL,
LET US
RETURN.



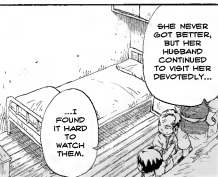
WE
CAN'T
SEE HIM
BUT WE
CAN
HEAR
HIM...

SOB
SOB
SOB

SOB
SOB
SOB

SOB
SOB
SOB

SOB
SOB
SOB















LET US
DESCEND
TO THE
SURFACE.



EVEN WE
LOWER-LEVEL
RESIDENTS CAN
YEARN FOR
SOMETHING.

WE NEED
HOPE AT A
TIME LIKE
THIS.



MANTA,
WILL YOU DO
EXACTLY
AS I
SAY?

THIS
PROJECT
NEEDS
YOU.



LET US
ANNOUNCE
TO EVERY-
ONE THAT
A LOWER-
LEVEL
RESIDENT
WILL BE
DESCENDING
TO THE
SURFACE.

LET US
IMPRESS
THE
UPPER-
LEVEL
RESIDENTS
AS WELL.



TO
DESCEND
TO THE
SURFACE.

TO THE LAND
OF HOPE,
FILLED WITH
PEOPLE'S
ASPIRATIONS,
DREAMS, AND
FUTURES.




ONE BOY
WILL
CHANGE
OUR
WORLD.

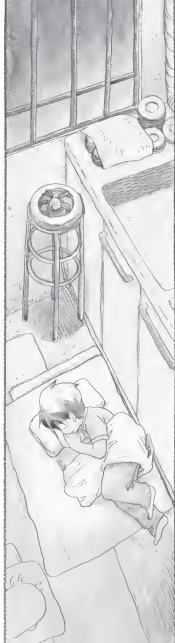


HE IS
OUR
RAY OF
HOPE.





floor 55: crossroads





EVERY-
ONE'S
HERE.



BROTHER
MIL.

AH, NO ONE
COULD GO
HOME
BECAUSE
OF THE
SMOKE.



THIS
ONE'S
FLUFFY.



I TOLD
YOU WE'D
ALL BE
BACK.

YEAH.



I'M
GONNA
BE A
WINDOW
WASHER
TOO.

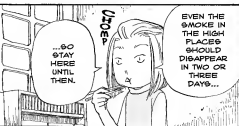
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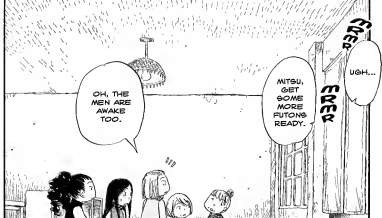


BROTHER
MIL,
EVERYONE
LOOKS
SO
COOOOL.

YOU
THINK?







OH, THE
MEN ARE
AWAKE
TOO.

MITSU,
GET
SOME
MORE
FUTONS
READY.

UGH...



AH,
YOU'RE
GOING
TO THE
POWER
PLANT!

OH? YOU'RE
GOING
TO THE
GUILD
TOOP

NO, I'M
GOING
SOME-
PLACE
ELSE.



HEBY,
I MADE
SOME
RICE
BALLS.

Come
back
later
you
deliver
them

I will

YEAH.



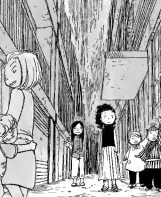
THEY'RE...
NOT WORKING
TODAY. THE
ELEVATORS
HAVE
STOPPED.

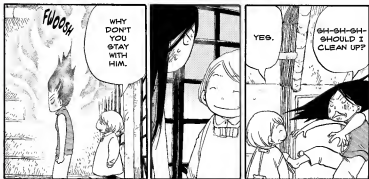
THE
GUILD'S
GONNA
DISCUSS
WHAT TO
DO.

Makoto
will play
it safe
and stay
home



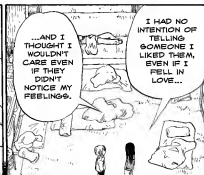
THERE'S
SOMETHING
I GOTTA
DO.





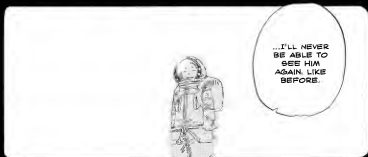


BUT...



...AND I
THOUGHT I
WOULDN'T
CARE EVEN
IF THEY
DIDN'T
NOTICE MY
FEELINGS.

I HAD NO
INTENTION OF
TELLING
SOMEONE I
LIKED THEM,
EVEN IF I
FELL IN
LOVE...



...I'LL NEVER
BE ABLE TO
SEE HIM
AGAIN, LIKE
BEFORE.



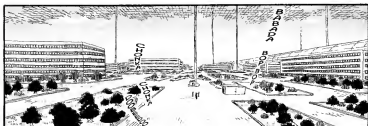
WHEN
I HAD
THOSE
THOUGHTS...

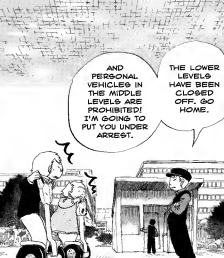
He'll
disappear
the same
way too.

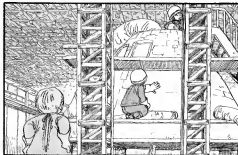
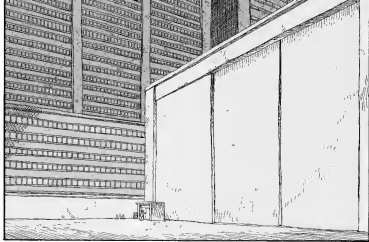












YOU
CONTINUE
WITH YOUR
WORK.



WHOAI

THEN
EVERYONE
WILL KNOW
HOW GOOD
YOU ARE.

WHEN
THIS IS
COMPLETE,
LET'S
ANNOUNCE
IT IN A
BIG WAY.

ALL
RIGHT,
DO
YOUR
BEST.



WE WILL,
BUT WE
DON'T HAVE
ENOUGH
POWER. IT'S
GETTING
HARDER.





YOU ARE
GOING
THERE.



I'VE
MADE UP
MY MIND.

BUT I'D
LIKE TO
GO TO THE
SURFACE.



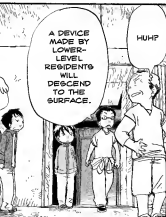
...IT WILL
BE A
SUCCESS.

IF WE DO
AS MR.
NISHIMARU
SAYS...

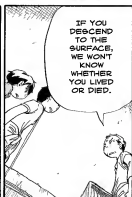
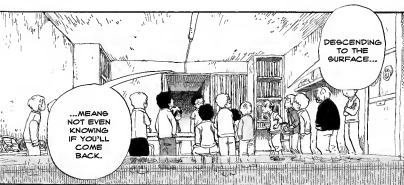


I'VE BEEN
ASSIGNED
THINGS
TO DO.

AND
THERE'S
SOME-
THING ONLY
I CAN DO.

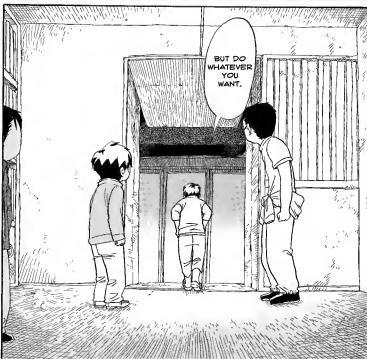












floor 56:
the place of memories

HUFF
HUFF...

PLEASE
...

PLEASE
OPEN
THE
DOOR

PLEASE
OPEN
THE
DOOR

PLEASE
OPEN
THE
DOOR.

I'M
LOCKED
IN THE
LOWER
LEVELS.

YOU
RECOGNIZE
MY PASSCODE.
I'M A PUBLIC
PEACE BUREAU
OFFICIAL.
CONNECT ME
TO THE
BUREAU.



!

AA



STOP.

GRAB

HE'S
THE
ONE.

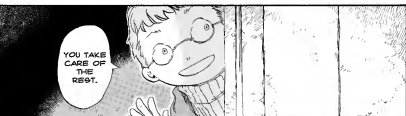
YOU
KILLED A
LOWER-
LEVEL
RESIDENT.



FOUND
HIM.

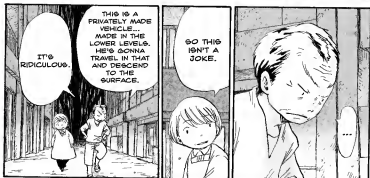
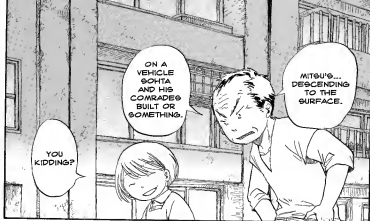


THE
LOWER-
LEVEL
RESIDENTS
WILL KILL
ME IF I
STAY
HERE...









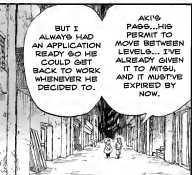


...



...BUT HE'S STUPID, SO HE DIDN'T UNDERSTAND.

I WARNED MITSU NOT TO GO...



BUT I ALWAYS HAD AN APPLICATION READY SO HE COULD GET BACK TO WORK WHENEVER HE DECIDED TO.

AKI'S PASS... HIS PERMIT TO MOVE BETWEEN LEVELS... I'VE ALREADY GIVEN IT TO MITSU, AND IT MUST'VE EXPIRED BY NOW.



...



...FOR AKI.

JIN... YOU'RE STILL WAITING...



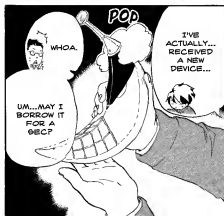
I'M TOO TIRED TO GO THROUGH THE SAME THING AGAIN.

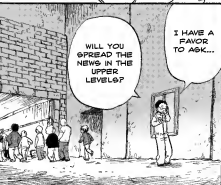
BUT... DID HE, DID AKI RETURN?



MITSU WILL RETURN BEFORE HIS PASS EXPIRES.

THINGS WILL BE ALL RIGHT.













I WAS SO EAGER, I WAS THINKING "I'LL WASH ALL THESE WINDOWS" OUT ON THE HUGE OUTSIDE WALLS.

And I had lots of fluffy hair

NO, I MEAN THE WAY I FELT THEN.

I WAS THROWN AROUND, "VOOM VOOM"

UGH... I COULDN'T DO MY WORK AT ALL...

It was "BOOM BOOM"



EVEN IF I'M SOMEWHERE ELSE...

...I STILL THINK ABOUT WINDOWS.



...AND WHEN I REMEMBER, I FEEL I CAN DO ANYTHING.

I CAN ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT...



HMMM ...



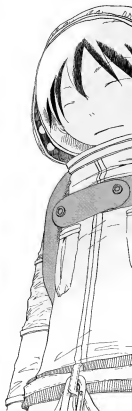
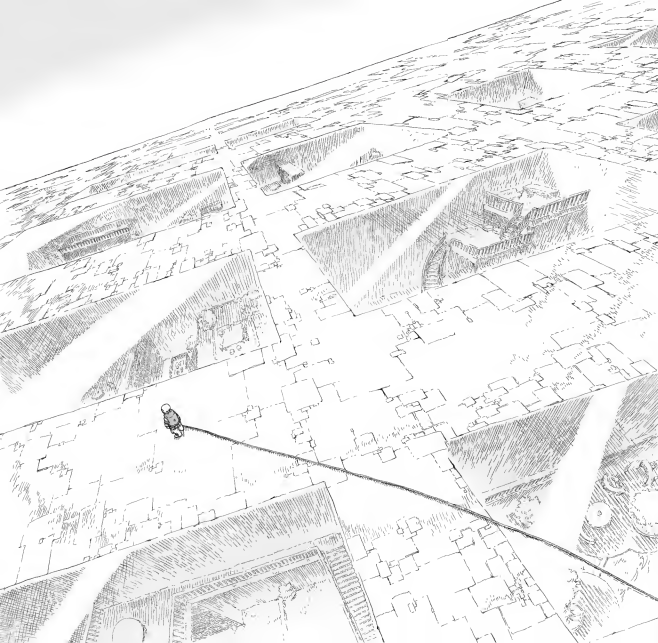
NO, NO. MAKE IT AN IMAGE THAT'LL CALM YOU DOWN. THEN YOU'LL WANT TO REMEMBER.

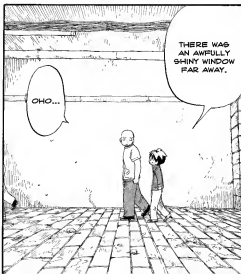
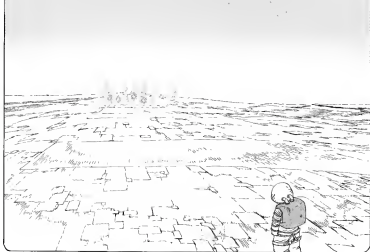
TRY IT.

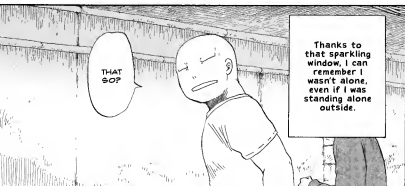


THINKING ABOUT THE OUTSIDE WILL CALM YOU DOWN.

I FEEL LIKE I GOTTA WORK...

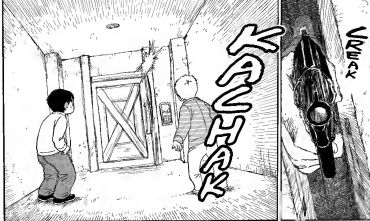












DO THE
OTHER AREAS
KNOW ABOUT
THIS MATTER?

WE CANNOT
AFFORD TO
LET THE NEWS
SPREAD ABOUT
TROUBLES AND
RIOTS AND
SUCH THINGS.

THE HARMONIOUS
BALANCE OF EACH
AREA IN THE RING
SYSTEM WOULD BE
DESTROYED.

THE LOWER
LEVELS OF D
SECTOR ARE IN
CONFUSION
DUE TO THE
FIRE.

THERE'RE
APPARENTLY
RUMORS THAT
AN UPPER-LEVEL
RESIDENT
KILLED A
LOWER-LEVEL
RESIDENT.

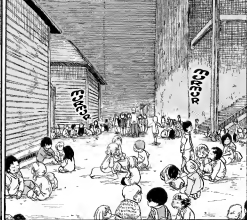
I WAS
ACCUSED
OF
BEING A
MURDERER
...

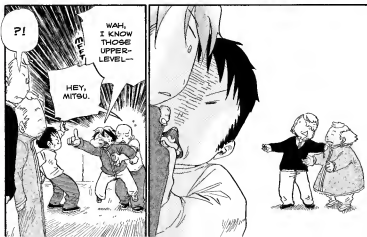
...THE
LOWER-
LEVEL GUYS
SUDDENLY
ATTACKED
ME.

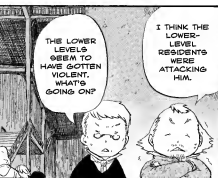
IF WE OPEN
UP THE
LOWER
LEVELS NOW,
THERE
WOULD BE
RIOTS.

floor 57: promise

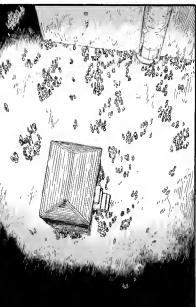


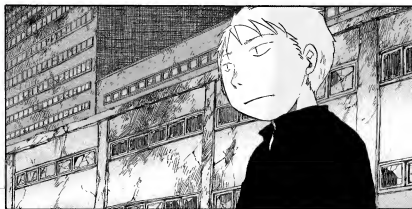


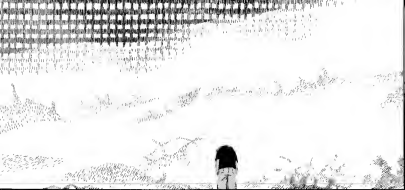














IT'S
ALL HIS
FAULT.



SO
YOU
ARE
ALIVE.
CHIEF!



WE FOUND
CHIEF AT
HIS HOME,
AND WE
BROUGHT
HIM HERE.



HE
FUDGED
THE
BUSINESS
REPORTS.



I DIDN'T DO
ANYTHING. I
DON'T KNOW
ANYTHING
ABOUT IT.

ONLY
YOU KNEW
WHERE THE
DANGEROUS
SPOTS WERE,
TAMACHI.



I DON'T
KNOW
ANY-
THING.

SHUT
UP.

YOU'RE
STILL
SAYING
THAT?





...WHEN
YOU HAVE
NOTHING
TO
PROTECT
ANYMORE?

WHY'RE
YOU STILL
TRYING TO
PROTECT
YOUR
POSITION...

AT LEAST
CONSIDER
THE
DAMAGE
THIS
ACCIDENT
CAUSED.



!



ENOUGH
ALREADY.



...AND
THERE'RE
THINGS WE
MUST DO UNTIL
EVERYTHING
IS BACK TO
NORMAL.

THE OTHER
FACILITIES
CAN BARELY
SUPPLY
EMERGENCY
ELECTRICITY...

IT'S NOT
YOUR
PRIVATE
PROPERTY.

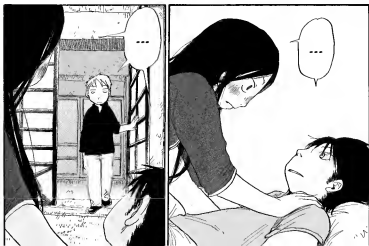
THIS
FACILITY'S
A POWER
PLANT.



...AND
RESTORE
THEM.

ONLY YOU
AND I CAN
COMPARE
THINGS TO
THEIR
PREVIOUS
CONDITION...

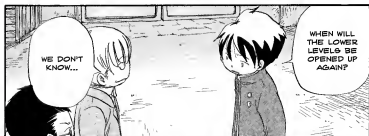








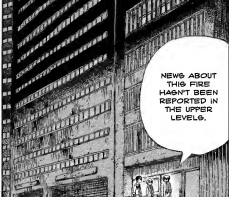






IF THINGS
CONTINUE
LIKE THIS,
PEOPLE
WILL DIE
FOR
NOTHING.

THEY
DON'T
KNOW
WE'RE
LOCKED
UP HERE,
EITHER.



NEWS ABOUT
THIS FIRE
HASN'T BEEN
REPORTED IN
THE UPPER
LEVELS.



WE GOTTA DO
SOMETHING.

WHY CAN'T
PEOPLE GO
TO THE
HOSPITALS
NOW, WHEN
THEY NEED
IT MOST?









MITSU,
HOW'RE
YOU
DOING?

WILL THIS
DO AS
TRAINING
FOR AN
EMERGENCY
EXIT?

BOZZON

UGH.

WAH.

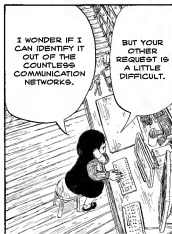


YES, I CAN
USE MY
FATHER'S
COMPANY'S
RADIO WAVES.

WHAT?
YOU'RE
READY TO
BROADCAST?



IS THAT
GOHTA?



I WONDER IF I
CAN IDENTIFY IT
OUT OF THE
COUNTLESS
COMMUNICATION
NETWORKS.

BUT YOUR
OTHER
REQUEST IS
A LITTLE
DIFFICULT.



BOZZON

WAH.

YES.

GOOD!
WE'RE
STEADILY
MAKING
PROGRESS.

BOZZON

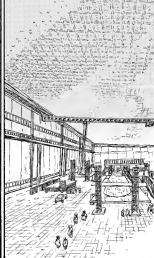




...BUT
THIS IS
ABOUT
EVERY-
ONE...



YES,
I DO...



I'M
KIMOTO.

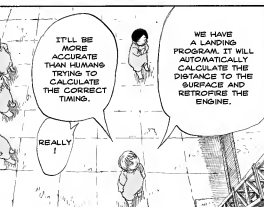
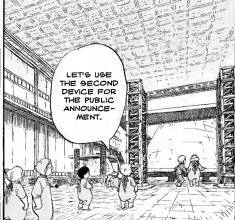
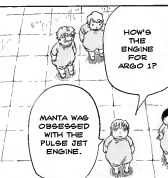
I'M
TANUKI.

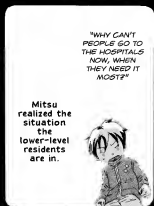
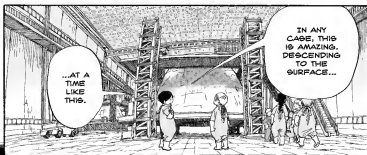
THESE
DUDES WILL
HELP OUT
TOO. THEY'LL
PROVIDE
FUNDS.



MR.
NISHIMARU,
THE SECOND
DEVICE IS
READY,
THOUGH IT
ISN'T
FUNCTIONAL.









The lower levels cannot stay silent anymore.

We must change both the upper and lower levels.



He's facing in the same direction as I am.



I'M SURPRISED YOU CAME UP WITH THIS IDEA AT A TIME LIKE THIS.

THE LOWER LEVELS ARE IN A STATE OF UPHEAVAL, WITH SO MUCH WORRY AND CONFUSION.



THOSE UPPER-LEVEL GUYS WILL TAKE A NEW LOOK AT US.

IF WE CAN REALLY DESCEND TO THE SURFACE, THE LOWER LEVELS WILL BE PROUD AND HAPPY.



A dream...



WE MUST HAVE A DREAM.

EVERYONE IS EXHAUSTED.

No, I'll
change
things.

Yes,
things
will
change...

THAT'S
THE
GOAL.

WILL THE
UPPER-
LEVEL
PEOPLE
LOOK
AT US
DIFFER-
ENTLY?

WILL THEY
UNDER-
STAND THAT
SKILLED
CRAFTS-
PEOPLE
LIVE HERE?



...my wife
Makie
passed
away.



The day
the power
plant
exploded,
early in the
morning...



...but
she
was
gone.

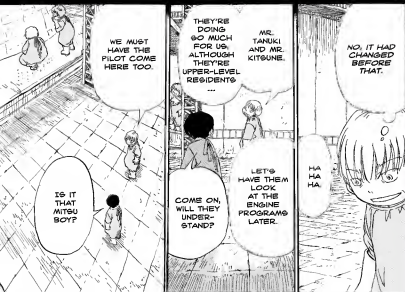
She
was
still
warm...



What
was my
dream?

Who
took
Makie's
dream
away?

My world
changed
because
one
person
died.



WE MUST
HAVE THE
PILOT COME
HERE TOO.

IS IT
THAT
MITSU
BOY?

THEY'RE
DOING
SO MUCH
FOR US,
ALTHOUGH
THEY'RE
UPPER-LEVEL
RESIDENTS
...

MR.
TANUKI
AND MR.
KITSUNE.

COME ON,
WILL THEY
UNDER-
STAND?

LET'S
HAVE THEM
LOOK
AT THE
ENGINE
PROGRAMS
LATER.

NO, IT HAD
CHANGED
BEFORE
THAT.

HA
HA
HA.



IT'S
WONDERFUL
THAT HE
HAS A
DREAM.

AND
HE'S
ONLY
16.



SO
EVERYONE
WILL PAY
ATTENTION.

PEOPLE
REALLY
LIKE HIM,
SURPRIS-
INGLY...



A window-
washer boy
will head
for the
surface.

The lower
levels and
the upper
levels will
all watch.



As everyone
watches...



...the ship
he's
piloting
will burst
into
flames.

They
funded the
project
and
enjoyed it.
They set
it up like
a game.

They
killed
that
boy.

Upper-level
residents were
involved in its
development.

There was
a program
to make
Argo's
engine
explode.

Who's not
going to
fight back
when they've
been driven
into a
corner?

FIGHT.
IT WILL
BE
EASY.

REALIZE

This will
be the
last
straw.

...THAT
THE
UPPER-
LEVEL
RESIDENTS
ARE
LOOKING
DOWN
ON US.

...will
change
the
world.

The
death
of one
boy...









...THAT
I KNEW
HIM THE
LEAST.

AND I
REALIZED
...

Father
was
warm
and
loving.



BUT NOW,
THANKS TO
ALL THE
WINDOW
WASHERS,
I KNOW HIM
WELL.



...I DIDN'T
REALLY
UNDER-
STAND
HIM TOO
WELL.

BECAUSE MY
FATHER
DISAPPEARED
WHEN I WAS
LITTLE...



...SO I WANT
TO DESCEND
TO THE
SURFACE.

I WANT TO
KNOW FATHER
A LITTLE
BETTER THAN
OTHER
PEOPLE...



DO YOU
REMEMBER?
THE WINDOW
THAT YOU
ASKED US
TO CLEAN.

YES, A
LOWER-LEVEL
WINDOW.



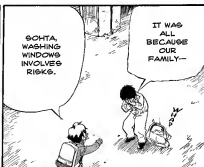
THE
LOWER
LEVELS.

THE
LOWER
LEVELS?



I WONDER
WHICH
WINDOW
HE WAS
CLEANING.

BUT
ISN'T
THAT...
HARD TO
BEAR?





DID I
CLEAN
THE
WINDOW
WELL?



WE WERE
ABLE TO
LOOK AT THE
SURFACE
PROPERLY
FOR THE
FIRST
TIME...



YES, OF
COURSE.
IT WAS
AMAZING.

!



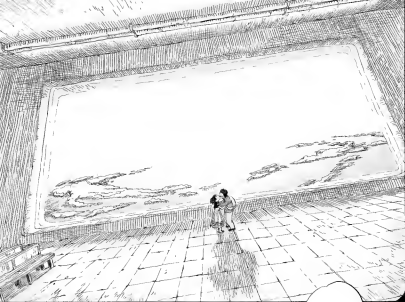
KAYO
WAS SO
HAPPY...



YES...

WE WENT
TO LOOK
AT THAT
WINDOW
TWICE.







...IT
WAS
WORTH
IT.

THEN...



OOH.

YOU WERE
FUGHY IN
THE
BEGINNING
THOUGH.



I'M NOT
GOING TO
THE SURFACE
BECAUSE I'M
BEING
FORCED TO.

I'VE
ALREADY
MADE UP
MY MIND.



Wouldn't
Jin get
anoy about
that?

LET'S SAY
I WAS
ABLE TO
WORK LIKE
FATHER.

Aah.



I'M ALREADY
A MEMBER
OF THIS
PROJECT.

SO I'M
GOING
RUNNING.



AH
HA
HA.





floor 59: the same place

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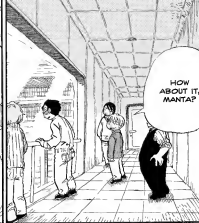
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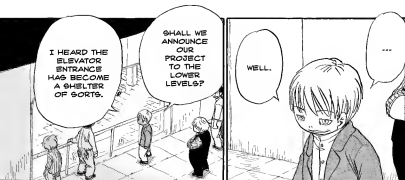
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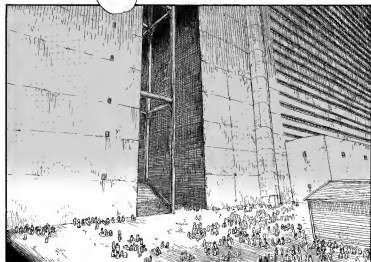
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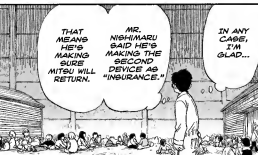
YEAH, I THINK
WE CAN
DESCEND TO
THE SURFACE
RIGHT AWAY.

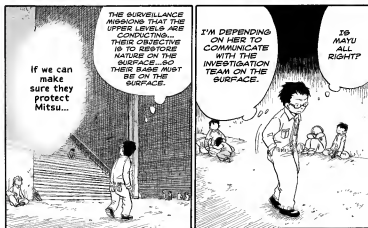
THE ENGINE
SEEMS TO
BE WORKING
WELL.















...THOUGH
I WAS
REALLY
JUST
WAITING
FOR HIM.

I WAS
GOING
OUT WITH
HIM...



I...
I...

UH...



!

YOU
KNOW
HIM?!



...BUT I
DIDN'T
KNOW
ANYTHING...

I THOUGHT
MY FEELINGS
WERE WITH
HIM...



ALL I DID
WAS WAIT
FOR HIM...

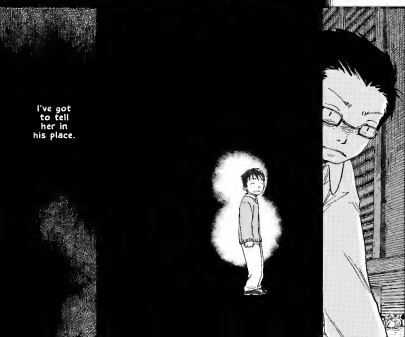
I
COULDN'T
DO
ANYTHING
FOR HIM.



SOB
SOB

AND
BEFORE
I KNEW
IT...

HE...
LEFT HOME
WITHOUT
TELLING ME
ANYTHING.





IF
ONLY...
I COULD
HAVE...



...HEARD
HIM SAY IT
HIMSELF...

HE
PROBABLY
DIDN'T
TELL YOU
THE
IMPORTANT
THINGS...

...BUT KEPT
THEM LIKE
PRECIOUS
THINGS
IN HIS
HEART...

SOB.

...Oh?

SOB.

Yes...
if he'd
talked
to her...

I WISH
MORI-
SHITA...



...HAD
TALKED
TO YOU
EARLIER.

"SOHTA,
YOU TAKE
CARE OF
YOUR
WIFE."



...WAS A
REALLY
NICE...
GUY...

MORI-
SHITA...



EVEN IF I
GO THERE
NOW, SHE'S
PROBABLY
TAKING
SHELTER
SOME-
WHERE
ELSE...

WHAT AM
I GONNA
ACCOM-
PLISH BY
RETURNING
TO AN
EMPTY
ROOM?

I haven't
told Kayo
the
important
things
either.

HUFF

HUFF



...Kayo's
there as
always.



When
I get
home...



...and
since I
already
know how
it tastes,
I smile
and say
this.



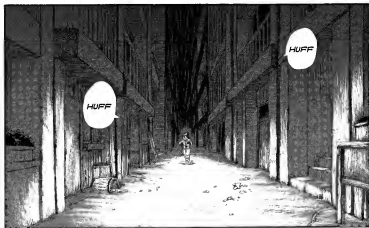
There're
leftover
noodles
from
Kayo's
stall...













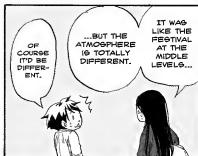


THEY WERE
HANDING
THEM OUT
AT THE
ELEVATOR
ENTRANCE.

I GOT
THEM
WHEN I
WENT TO
GET
MAKOTO'S
MEDICINE.

AH, THOSE
DRUGS AND
MEDICAL
SUPPLIES.

WHAT'RE
YOU
CARRY-
ING?



OF
COURSE
IT'D BE DIFFER-
ENT.

...BUT THE
ATMOSPHERE
IS TOTALLY
DIFFERENT.

IT WAS
LIKE THE
FESTIVAL
AT THE
MIDDLE
LEVELS...



THERE
WERE SO
MANY
PEOPLE
THERE.

BY THE
WAY, DID
YOU GO
TO THE
ENTRANCE?



...she'll
keep
smiling
like
this...

I hope...



THE
FESTIVAL
WAS FUN.



...GOING
TO THE
SURFACE.

I'M...



WE'LL BE
ABLE TO
HAVE
ANOTHER
FESTIVAL.



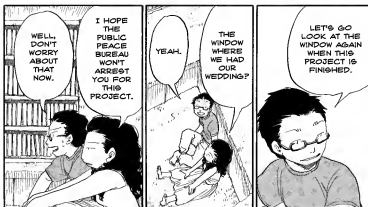
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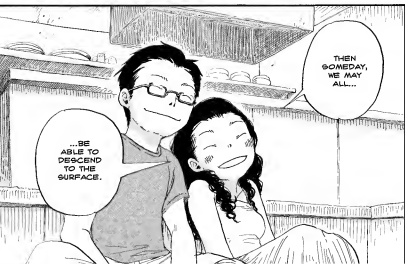


...forever...



"LET'S ALL
COME
TOGETHER
AGAIN."









I THOUGHT THE
ORDER OF A
PARACHUTE
TOGETHER
WITH FISHNETS
SEEMED
STRANGE.

BY
THE
WAY...

floor 60:
unveiling the ship

PRESIDENT
FUJIKI.

SO YOU
WERE
INVOLVED
WITH THIS.

I WAS ABLE
TO PUT THE
COMPANY
BACK ON
ITS FEET
QUITE A
BIT...

...ALTHOUGH
THE HUGE
QUANTITY OF
T-SHIRTS YOU
MADE WAS A
PROBLEM.





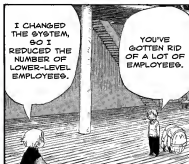
I'M THE
CURRENT
PRESIDENT.

YOU USED
TO BE AN
EXECUTIVE
MANAGING
DIRECTOR...



HA
HA...

AH, "EX"-
PRESIDENT.



I CHANGED
THE SYSTEM,
SO I
REDUCED THE
NUMBER OF
LOWER-LEVEL
EMPLOYEES.

YOU'VE
GOTTEN RID
OF A LOT OF
EMPLOYEES.



I HEARD
YOU GAVE
DETAILED
INSTRUCTIONS
ABOUT THE
MATERIAL
AND ITS
STRENGTH.

IT'S BEEN
ABOUT A
MONTH NOW?
YOU'VE BEEN
SLEEPING IN
THE FACTORY.



YOU'VE
FALLEN
LOW.



MR.
FUJIKI
LIVES
IN THE
LOWER
LEVELS
NOW.



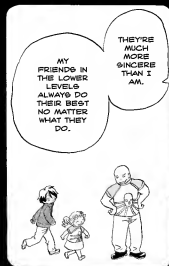
Ha
ha

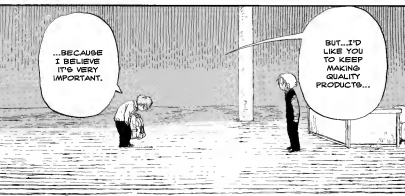
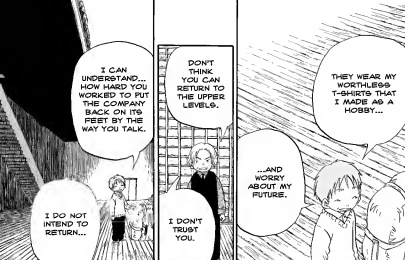
I WONDER
WHY WE'D
EMPLOYED
SO MANY
PEOPLE FOR
NOTHING.

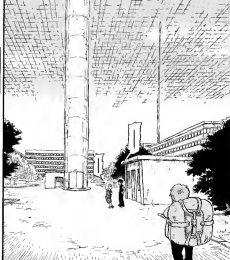
THE
EFFICIENCY
HASN'T
CHANGED.

WELL, WE'VE
MANAGED TO
STREAMLINE
THINGS.













YES.

THAT
WE'RE
LOCKED
UP HERE?



WON'T OUR
CLIENTS
REALIZE
SOMETHING'S
WRONG WITH
THE LOWER
LEVELS?



DID A
METEOR
FALL?

I HOPE
THE
RUPTURES
AREN'T
TOO
SERIOUS.



WE'VE GOT
REQUESTS
FOR
MAINTAINING
THE OUTSIDE
TOO.



...

...



...AND
CAUSE A
RIOT IN THE
MIDDLE
AND UPPER
LEVELS.



IF THE
ELEVATORS
START MOVING
NOW, THE GUYS
HANGING OUT
THERE WILL
JUMP AT THE
OPPORTUNITY...



WELL, I
PASSED
THROUGH THE
VENTILATION
DUCTS TO
COME TO THE
LOWER
LEVELS...

WHAT'S
UP, SACHI?



REALLY?

AND
SO I
SAW IT.



THEY'RE
DUMPING
GARBAGE
ON THE
SURFACE?

THAT'S
WHAT IT
LOOKED
LIKE...



THE SHUTTERS
WERE OPEN
AND I COULD
SEE THE
SURFACE.

AND I
GUESS IT'S
A GARBAGE
DISPOSAL
PLANT?



IN ANY
CASE!



SO THAT
KIND OF
THING IS ON
THE LOWER
LEVELS,
HUH?

AND THE
LOWER LEVELS
ARE FORCED
TO TAKE
RESPONSIBILITY
FOR IT AS WELL
AS MANAGING
IT.



MITSU, THE
SURFACE IS
SO CLOSE!

ARGO CAN
DESCEND
FROM
THERE!







THAT
SOUNDS
LIKE SO
MUCH
TROUBLE.



AND SO...
I CHANGED
MYSELF
LITTLE BY
LITTLE...
BUT...

I FIGURED
OUT A LOT
OF THINGS
BY GETTING
TO KNOW
MYSELF.













WE'VE
BEEN
LOCKED
UP HERE!

LOWER-
LEVEL
RESIDENTS
...

GRIN



SHEEN

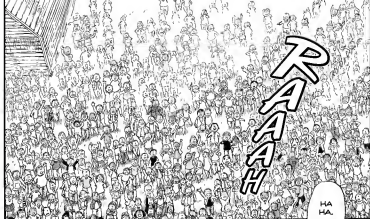














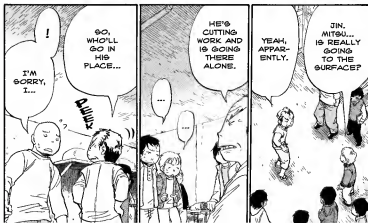


floor 61: each of their thoughts

WE'RE
GOING TO
THE UPPER
LEVELS.

WE CAN
ONLY TAKE
A MAXIMUM
OF 15
STAFF UP
THERE.







I THOUGHT
THIS TIME
WE'D CLEAN
THE WINDOWS
SO WELL THE
UPPER-LEVEL
GUYS WOULD
BE SHOCKED.

DAMN.



I KNOW.



AAAAARGH.

BUT WE
DON'T
EVEN
HAVE
ENOUGH
STAFF?

IS HE
GETTING ALL
FIRED UP TO
PROVE TO
EVERYONE
THAT WE CAN
DO FINE
WITHOUT
MITSU?



THERE'S
SOMEONE
GOOD.



RIGHT,
MAKOTO?



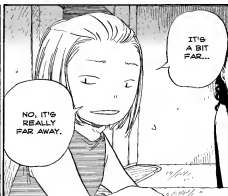
SACHI...
YOU CAN'T
DO IT.

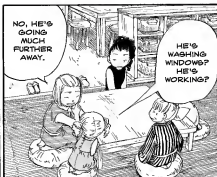
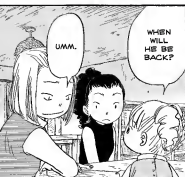
IT'S
NOT
ME.

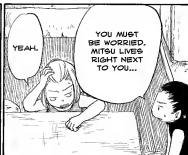


HUH?

MRER

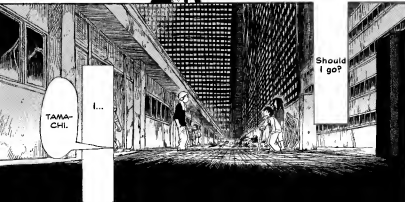














DON'T
MAKE UP
SOME
EXCUSE
AND SAY
NO.

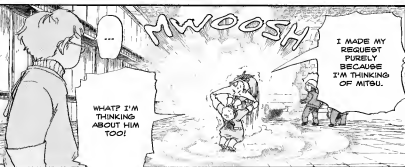
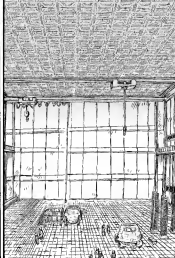


BUT
THERE'S
NO ONE
ELSE WHO
CAN FILL IN
FOR ME.



ONLY
YOU...





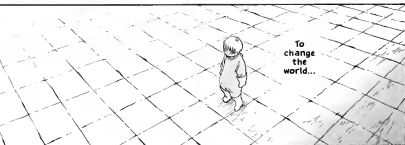




And our
world will
be changing
soon.

One boy will
change our
world.

I finished
developing the
explosion
mechanism...



To
change
the
world...

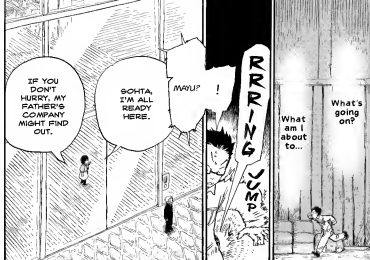


Because
it was my
dream?

Why
did I
want
to
change
it?









AH. I
FORGOT
TO ASK...

Beep



THANK
YOU. I'LL
CALL YOU
LATER.



HOW
STRANGE.



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M
P



DID
I...

HEH
HEH...

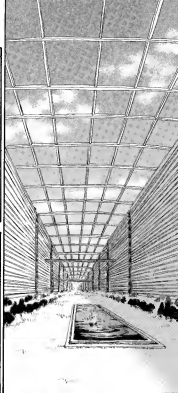


NOW...



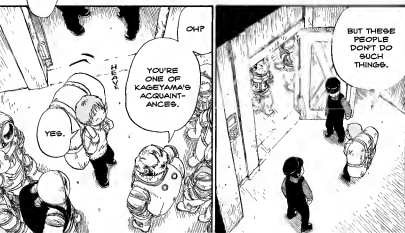
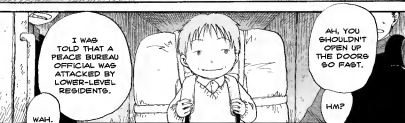
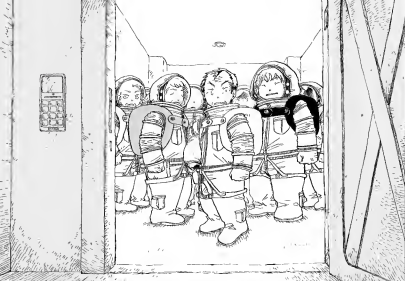
When
you're
doing
your
best...

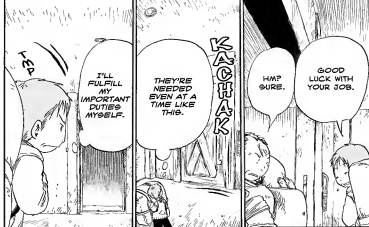


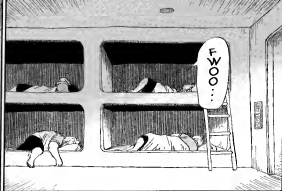












YOU
HAVEN'T
WASHED
WINDOWS
FOR AN
EVEN
LONGER
PERIOD...

...
TAMA-
CHI.



IT'S ONLY
BEEN TWO
WEEKS... BUT
I FEEL LIKE
I HAVEN'T
WASHED
WINDOWS
FOR MUCH
LONGER
THAN THAT.



LET'S
GO,
THEN.

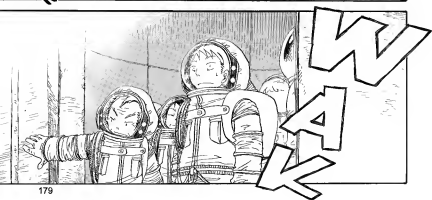
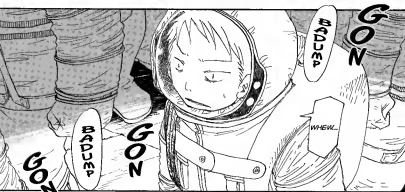
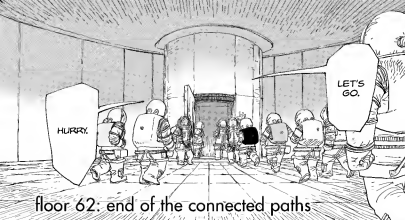
GOOD.
YOU'VE
ALL HAD
SOME
SLEEP.

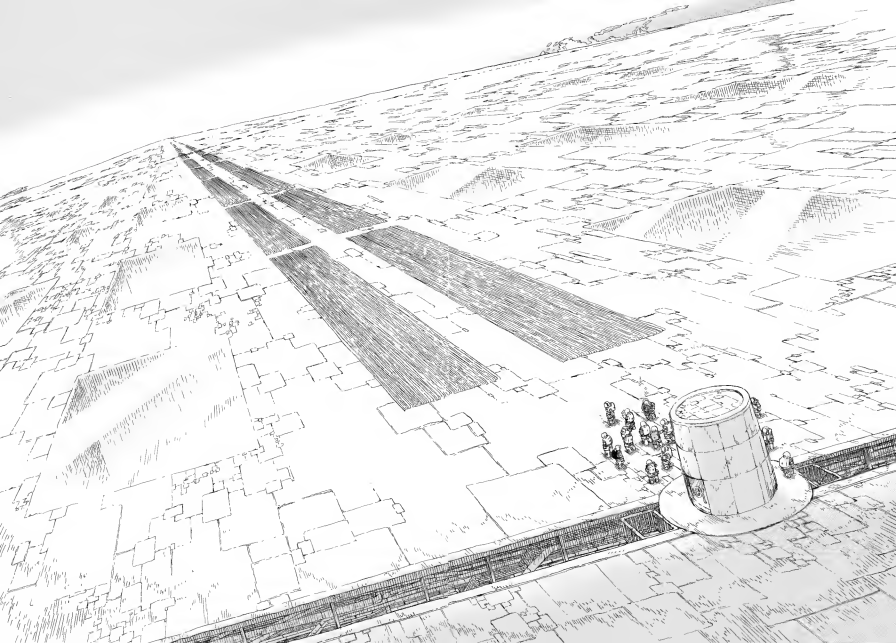
I wanted
to see
outside
the
windows.

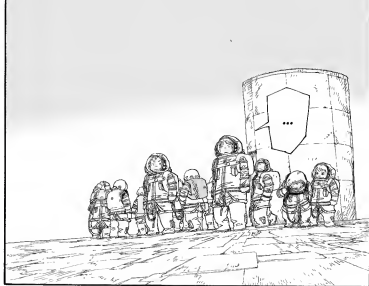


YOU'RE
RIGHT.



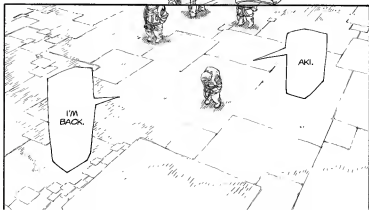






...this
is.

What
a quiet
place...





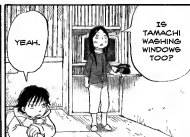


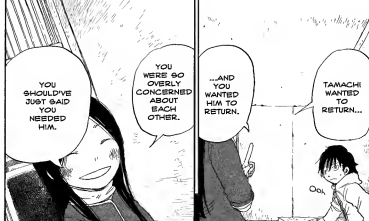
SO
MITSU...CAN
SEE THE
WINDOWS
NO MATTER
WHERE HE
IS...

SO HE CAN
RETURN NO
MATTER
WHERE HE
GOES!

...WE'LL
ALWAYS
BE WITH
HIM.

NO
MATTER
WHERE
HE IS...







SURE.



THE PLACE
WHERE MITSU
WILL DESCEND...
I WANT YOU TO
COME WITH ME,
SINCE YOU
KNOW THAT
PLACE.



WHAT
IS IT?!



FOUND
YOU!
SACHI.



SURE...

...



...BUT
SACHI, WILL
YOU HELP
OUT?

I THINK
THINGS
WILL BE
FINE...

But why
am I so
worried?

The
day...

In any case,
things are
moving
forward
step by
step...

We
can't
stop
now.

THANK
YOU.

...is
tomorrow





RECENTLY,
I'VE BEEN
LYING DOWN
OUT OF
EXHAUSTION
FROM
WORK.

WHEN
I WAS
LITTLE, I
DID IT SO
OFTEN.

ROLL

AH, IT'S
BEEN A
WHILE
SINCE I
LAST LAY
DOWN LIKE
THIS.

...USED TO
LOOK AT
THE BOOK
ABOUT THE
SURFACE.

FATHER
...

I WANTED TO
KEEP LYING
BESIDE
FATHER
FOREVER...

...HE MAY
BE ALIVE,
AND IS
ON THE
SURFACE.

BUT I
STILL
BELIEVE
SOME-
WHERE...

I CAN'T
REMEMBER
WHAT I
TALKED
WITH HIM
ABOUT
ANYMORE...

FWMP



Even if I
catch up
to you and
pull ahead
of you.

Even if I
don't have
a goal
anymore...

...my
future
will keep
continuing.



Father,
I'll...

...stand in
the same
place as
you, but in
a different
way.





EVEN IF I FIND
OUT FATHER
ISN'T ON THE
SURFACE...

THERE'RE
SO MANY
THINGS
TO DO.

Much
much
further
away
than
that...

To the
end
of the
windows.



...MOVE
FORWARD
FROM
THERE.

...I'LL...





And I
can do
that.



A BOOK
ABOUT THE
SURFACE.
YOU'RE
TAKING THAT
WITH YOU?

YES.



TODAY YOU
CAN SLEEP
AT THE
FACTORY.
THAT ALL
RIGHT?



NOK
NOK

YES.



MR.
NISHI-
MARU.



THAT'S
GOOD.



HMM.



IF PEOPLE
FIND OUT WE'VE
BEEN LOCKED
UP HERE FOR
TWO WEEKS,
EVEN THE
UPPER-LEVEL
PEOPLE WILL
START MAKING
A FUSS.

YES.

IF THE
PROJECT
GOES WELL
AND PEOPLE
PAY ATTENTION
TO US, THE
LOWER LEVELS
WILL BE
OPENED UP
AGAIN.





Whose
dream
was
that?



...WHERE
THERE'S
NO UPPER
OR
LOWER
LEVELS?



HA
HA.

IT WAS
MITSU'S...
RIGHT?



...?



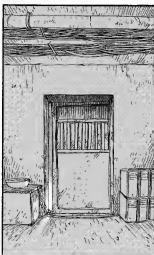
I WILL!

YES,
I'LL DO
"THAT."

...for
Makie's
sake.



Change
the
world...







And the day finally came.



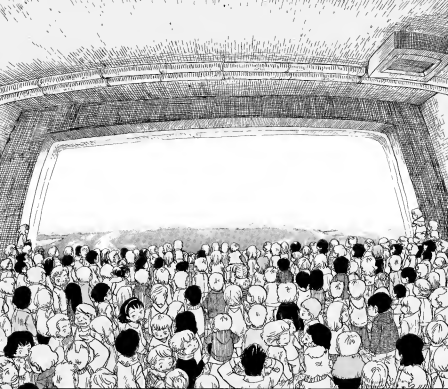


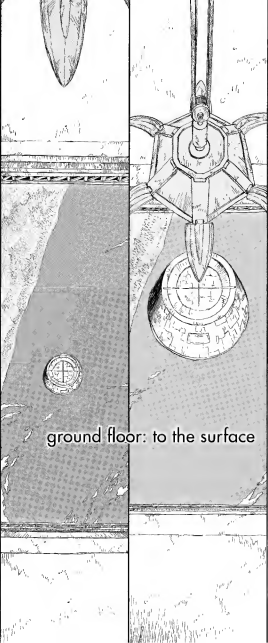
DO
COME
BACK.



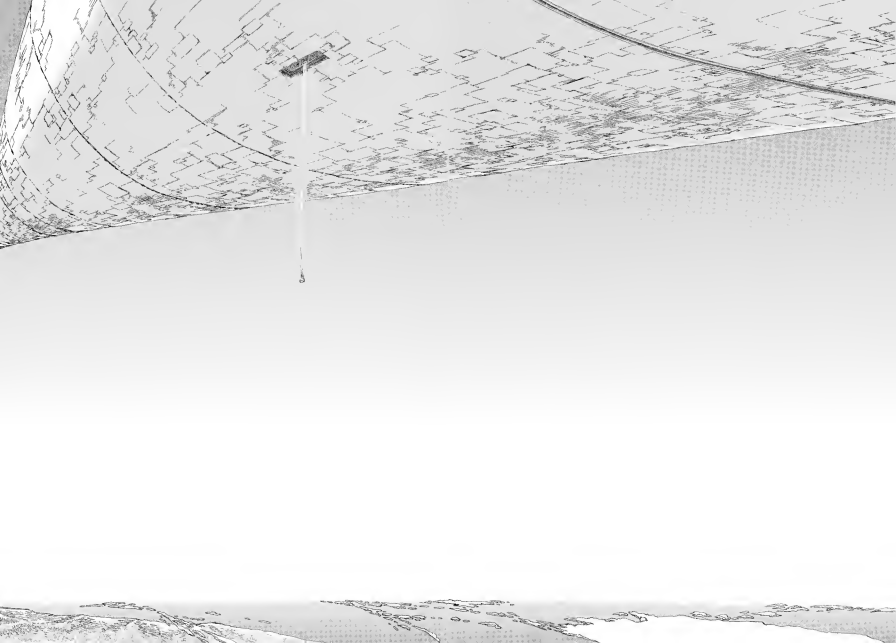








ground floor: to the surface





RESIDENTS OF
THE UPPER AND
LOWER LEVELS,
AND EVERYONE IN
THE MIDDLE-LEVEL
ORGANIZATIONS,
CAN YOU HEAR US?



THE LOWER
LEVELS HAVE
BEEN CLOSED
OFF FOR TWO
WEEKS BECAUSE
A POWER PLANT
EXPLODED AND
A LARGE FIRE
ENSUED.



POISONOUS
GAS HAS
SPREAD, AND
WE'VE BEEN
LOCKED IN SO
OTHER AREAS
AREN'T
AFFECTED.



AH.

MR.
NISHIMARU.



UH...



EVERYONE,
CAN YOU
HEAR US?



EVERY-
BODY...

TEN
MINUTES
UNTIL
ARGO
BLASTS
OFF...



WE'RE
READY TO
BROADCAST!

...



IT JUST
CANNOT
BE!



TO
PROVE
IT...

...WE WILL
NOW
EXECUTE
A LARGE-
SCALE
PROJECT.



WHY?

ALL OF YOU
UPPER-LEVEL
RESIDENTS,
YOUR SAFETY
IS BEING
PROTECTED
BY OUR
SACRIFICES.

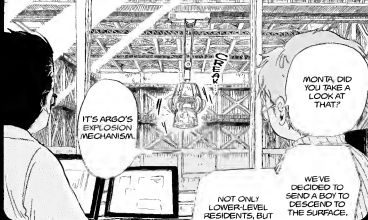


WHY
ARE WE
LOWER-
LEVEL
RESIDENTS
INFERIOR
TO YOU?



WHY ARE WE
INFERIOR TO
YOU, WHO ARE
GIVEN EVERY-
THING AND YET
STILL DON'T
FEEL THAT
YOU'RE
HAPPY?





IT'S ARGO'S
EXPLOSION
MECHANISM.

MONTA, DID
YOU TAKE A
LOOK AT
THAT?

NOT ONLY
LOWER-LEVEL
RESIDENTS, BUT
UPPER-LEVEL
RESIDENTS
COOPERATED
AS WELL...

WE'VE
DECIDED TO
SEND A BOY TO
DESCEND TO
THE SURFACE.



IT CANNOT
BE HALTED.

HEY MONTA,
THIS WILL BE
AN AMAZING
SHOW.

AND NOW THE
BOY WILL
HEAD TO THE
SURFACE,
WITH OUR
DREAMS AND
HOPES.



EVERY-
ONE.



ISN'T
THIS
FUN?

Mitsu's value is as an emblem to begin the war between the upper levels and lower levels.

MITSU?

THE BOY
MITSU HAS
ALREADY
BOARDED
THE
DESCENT
DEVICE AND
IS STANDING
READY.

PLEASE
GATHER
AROUND
YOUR
WINDOWS.

...TO THE
SURFACE
THAT IS JUST
BELOW OUR
EYES.

A BOY
WILL HEAD
ALONE...

I found
your
voice so
comforting,
it would
make me
drowsy...

You
used to
talk
about
your
dream.

I'm
sorry
I was
late.

TEN
SECONDS
UNTIL
ARGO
BLASTS
OFF...

NINE...

Makie...

EIGHT.

FIVE...
FOUR

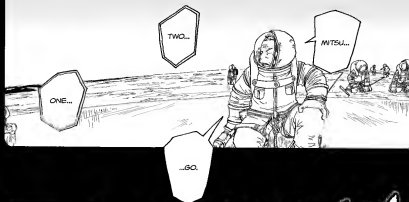
THREE.

SEVEN.

SIX.

YOU

W-A-I-T-R



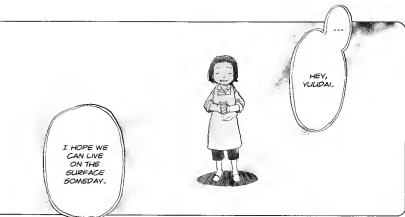
I'LL MAKE
A FRESH
NEW
WORLD.

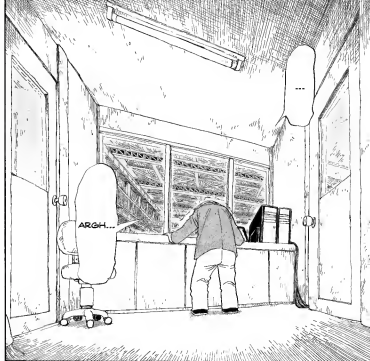


Mitsu, your
naïve words,
as if you were
simply copying
what somebody
else said, are
all going to
disappear.



I'll start
a war to
change
the world.
That is
Makie's
and my
dream.







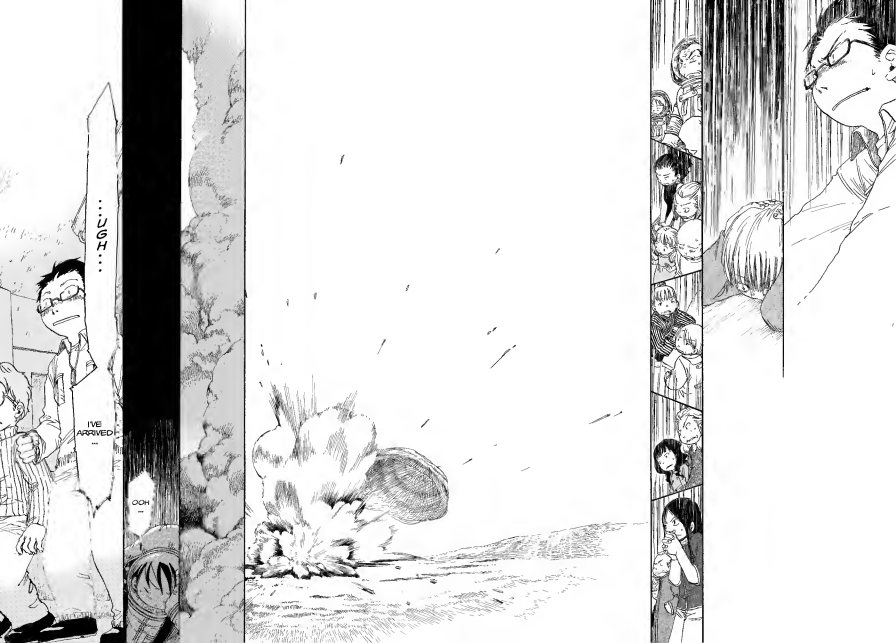


Everyone
...

Father
...

K300AT

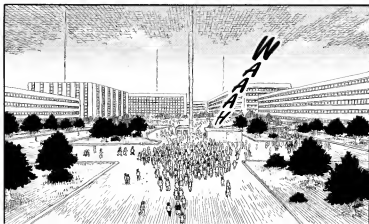
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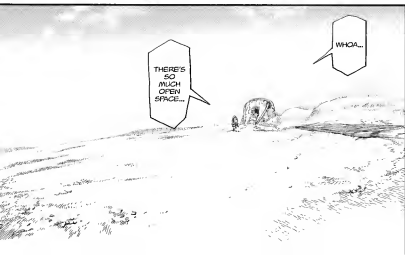


...USH...

I'VE
ARRIVED

OOH











INFORM THE
SURFACE
INVESTIGA-
TION TEAM
OF MITSU'S
LANDING
LOCATION...







OPEN UP!



No, I...



"YOU HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING WRONG..."

GOHTA



...to the
surface,
the three
of us...







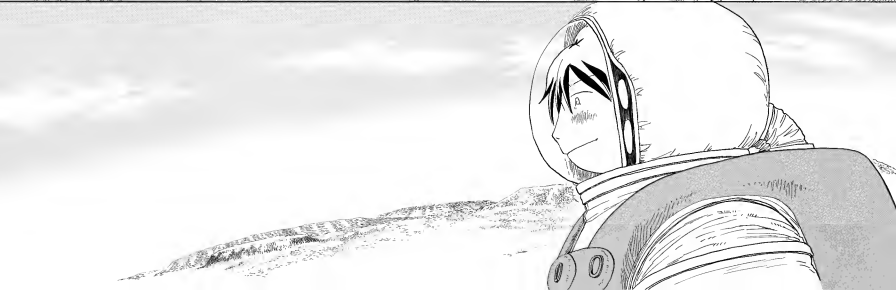
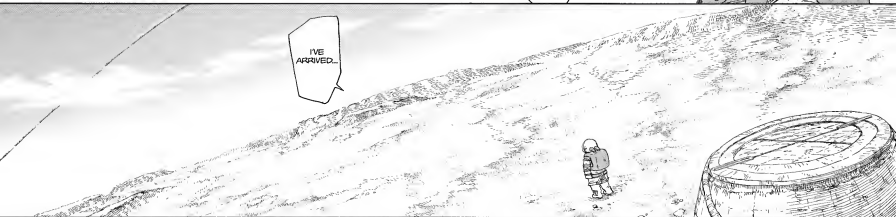




FATHER...
CAN YOU
HEAR ME?



I'VE
ARRIVED...





THIS
MUST
BE IT?



THE LIST
OF WHAT I
SHOULD
DO...

FIRST PULL
THE RED
LEVER
ON THE
OUTSIDE??



I WONDER
IF THERE'S
ANY
COMMUNI-
CATION.

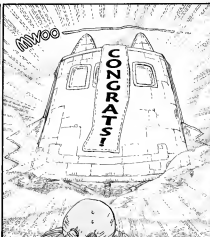


...
ALL
RIGHT.



DID MR.
TANUKI
AND MR.
KITSUNE...
MAKE THIS?

THIS IS
TOTALLY
USELESS...



MYOO



PFFT

BASH
BOON
BOON
BOON

WAH!



NOW I
DON'T
FEEL LIKE
I'VE COME
SO FAR.



HEEY.



HEEY.



SOMEONE
HERE...

THERE'S
...



SO IT
REALLY IS
A CHILD.

WAH.

ARE YOU THE
SURFACE
INVESTIGATION
TEAM?!



NO,
SURE.



I HOPE YOU
DON'T MIND
GOING BACK
WITH US?



WE'RE
INVESTIGATING
FALLING
OBJECTS FROM
RING AS WELL,
SO WE CAME
TO LOOK.

A GIRL
FROM
THE RING
CONTACTED
US.





We've
protected
that Ring
from
the very
beginning...

I SEE...
SO WE...

I WONDER
WHY

HMM?

DO YOU
KNOW WHY
THE RING
IS SO
BEAUTIFUL?

UM,
MISTER...



THE RING IS
BEAUTIFUL...

...BECAUSE
THE WINDOW
WASHERS
KEEP THE
WINDOWS
CLEAN.

We're
taking
care
of the
place
we
live...

...A
WINDOW
WASHER.

I'M...



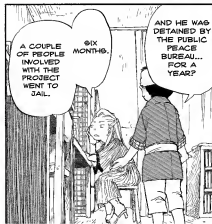
Five
years
later

PRESIDENT
KAGEYAMA.

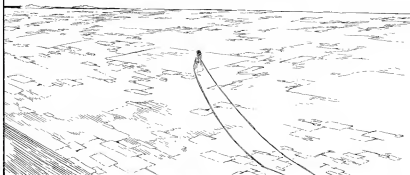
I'VE
RETURNED.

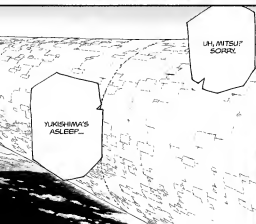
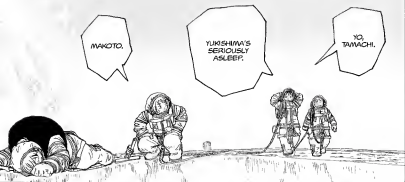
YEEH.

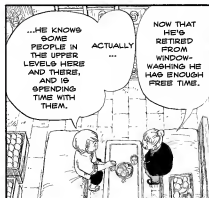
in the loft:
homeland in the sky

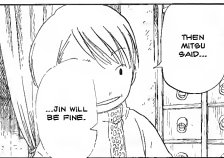












THEN
MITSU
SAID...



WE TALKED
ABOUT WHAT
I'D DO IF JIN
LOST HIS
ENERGY AND
PASSED
AWAY.



THEN...



...HARUKO
CAN LIVE
WITH ME.

10000

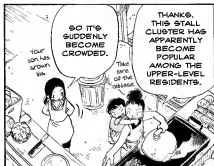
Oh,
my

THAT'S
WHAT
HE
SAID.



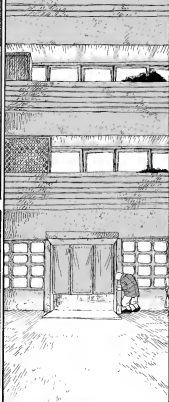
WHAT
SHOULD
I DO?

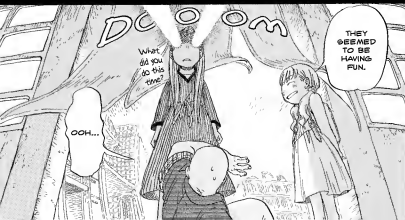
KUHA

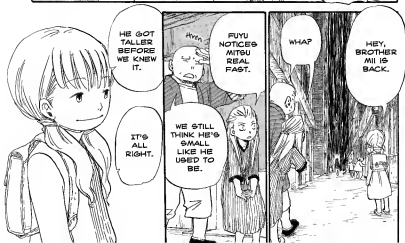












HEEY.

MITSUUU.







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